

REMARKS

The claims in the application are 1-20 and Claims 21 and 22 added by the present amendment.

Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The present amendment is being made in accordance with a telephone interview between the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application at the Patent and Trademark Office and the undersigned attorney on Thursday, January 12, 2006. The courtesy extended by the Examiner in arranging for and conducting the telephone interview is greatly appreciated.

More particularly, independent Claims 1, 10 and 13 have been amended as proposed during the telephone interview, with the following additional clarification. Independent Claim 1 has been amended to recite at least one chamber 22, 26 has a magnet 30 freely movably enclosed therein to both rotatably and translationally move within the chamber 22, 26 and turn about two separate axes to abut any internal wall of the chamber 22, 26 when brought close to a magnetically-attractive surface (reference is being made to preferred embodiments of the present invention illustrated in the drawings of the present application).

Independent Claim 10 has been amended to recite at least one magnet 30 is movably enclosed in each magnet-holding chamber 22, 26 to both rotatably and

translationally move within the respective chamber 22, 26 and turn about two separate axes to also abut any internal wall of the chamber 22, 26 when brought close to a magnetically-attractive surface. Independent Claim 13 has been amended to recite the rounded interior corners 10 of magnet-holding chamber 12 are rounded to prevent the magnet 14 from becoming wedged in any corner and permit free rotational and translational movement and rotation about two separate axes of the magnet 14 within the chamber 12 to abut any internal wall thereof. Dependent Claims 21 and 22 introduced herein are explicitly directed to the embodiments illustrated in Figs. 2a-4c of the present application.

As agreed during the telephone interview, the present amendments to the independent claims define over Duggar. More particularly, even assuming, *arguendo*, that in Duggar magnets 13 can slightly translationally "move" within respective pockets or chambers formed by walls 19 and 20, nevertheless these magnets 13 cannot rotate about two separate axes to abut any internal wall of the respective chamber and reorient when brought close to a magnetically-attractive surface as shown, e.g., in the various figures in the present application. In Duggar, the disk-shaped magnets 13 are permanently retained in the enclosed orientation and cannot reorient when brought close to a magnetically-attractive surface. Hence magnetic attraction and interaction are enhanced with the presently claimed invention over any teaching of Duggar.

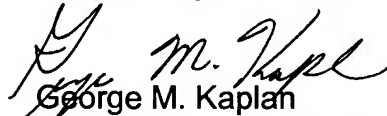
The remaining art of record has not been applied against the claims and will not be commented upon further at this time.

It was pointed out by the Examiner during the telephone interview, the proposed amendments raise new issues after the Final Office Action, necessitating an updated search of the art. Accordingly, a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is being simultaneously-filed herewith, to provide proper opportunity for the Examiner to enter and consider the enclosed amendment.

Therefore, in view of the forgoing amendment, accompanying remarks and telephone interview in the present application, it is respectfully submitted all claims pending herein are in condition for allowance. Please contact the undersigned attorney should there be any questions. A petition for an automatic one month extension of time for response under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) is enclosed in triplicate together with the requisite petition fee, RCE filing fee and fee for additional claims introduced herein.

Early favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,


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